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9/11 anniversary brings perspective

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Five years after one of America's worst nightmares unfolded in the bright daylight of a fall day in New York City, the echoes of Sept. 11 continue to reverberate.

Several regional wars, and a global one, are being fought as a result of that day. Major terrorist strikes have shaken England, Spain, Indonesia, India, and other nations. Governments have risen and fallen based on their responses to threats and attacks. International alliances have been made and broken. Terror groups and extremist movements rival and sometimes surpass governments in their power and influence.

Last month, a 9/11-magnitude attack on U.S.-bound airliners was foiled in what reportedly were the final stages of preparation.

World wars and the titanic struggle between communism and democracy marked the 20th century. The 21st century, only a few years old, already seems plagued by a bloody, open-ended guerrilla conflict — not between nations or superpowers, but between cultures and civilizations.

Perhaps Americans, caught in the eye of the storm that surrounds them, overestimate the repercussions of 9/11 and the terror war in the rest of the world.

"When you look at the globe, there are many countries that have so many problems of their own that what happens in America has very little impact on them," says



AFTER 9/11 — Kathy Burns (right), consultant for the Mississippi Woman's Union, and Barri A. Shirley, associate executive director for business services at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, prepare a mobile kitchen in New York City to feed victims in the aftermath of the 9/11 attack, as part of the response by the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force. (Special photo)

Gordon Fort, overseas operations chief for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board (IMB).

"Take West Africa. You could go to those countries and say, 'What do you think about what happened on 9/11?' and many of the people would say, 'Hey, I'm just trying to get a meal today. I'm hungry and my people are dying of malaria, and AIDS is killing half our population.' 9/11 is a remote thing that happened to somebody else," he said.

What is urgent for West Africans — and millions of other people in hurting, spiritually dark areas? The need for hope. They will accept it from almost anyone who offers it, and followers of Christ offer a hope that does not disappoint.

"The Lord is making amazing breakthroughs in the world of Islam," says a mission strategist who cannot be identified. "Why? Muslims are being called (by God). People are having visions. Muslims do not want one foot in Islam and another in Christianity; they make clean breaks. They want the intimacy of the Holy Spirit."

"We continue to see missionaries ask to fill assignments in some pretty tough, predominantly Muslim areas. What makes a moth fly into the light, firemen rush into burning towers, missionaries volunteer for the deepest and darkest lostness in the world? I'm not sure about moths, but for the rest it is the old hymn that comes to mind: 'Rescue the perishing...'"

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A lifetime ago

A pair of friends was engaged in a conversation about a well-publicized political event of the past. Midway through the conversation one of them paused and said, "You know, I realize that was important, but since September 11 it seems as if it occurred a lifetime ago."

We all know that feeling. One of the lessons we have learned (or should have learned) from 9/11 is that our whole world can be upended at a moment's notice, and there's little we can do about it. What we deem so important one day can be brought into a totally different perspective by the next day's events.

Just ask a husband after he gets the news that the love of his life has cancer. Talk with the parents outside the Intensive Care Unit, anxiously awaiting information on the future of their critically-injured child. All of a sudden, the leaky roof and the broken-down car and the vacation plans don't have quite the importance. It's as if those problems were a lifetime ago.

We've been hearing a lot over the past five years about how 9/11 brought back into clear focus the things that should be most important to us. One of the most important items that should be in clearest focus now is fulfilling the monumental task of helping to bring Mississippi and the world to Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20).

Nestled in the comfortable confines of our Southern Baptist way of life here in the buckle of the Bible Belt, it's easy to forget there's a lost world out there. Within the safe and secure confines of our American way of life, we tend to become self-absorbed. As we continue to heal from the trauma of 9/11, Christians don't need to forget about the rest of the world.

As Gordon Fort, overseas operations chief for the International Mission Board (IMB), says elsewhere in this issue, "When you look at the globe, there are many countries that have so many problems of their own that what happens in America has very little impact on them. Take West Africa. You could go to those countries and say, 'What do you think about what happened on 9/11?' and many of the people would say, 'Hey, I'm just trying to get a meal today. I'm hungry and my people are dying of malaria, and AIDS is killing half our population.' 9/11 is a remote thing that happened to somebody else," he said.

That's hard for us to understand when we're hurting so deeply ourselves, but it's true. There's a whole big world out there struggling for just one meal today, or being struck down by diseases both treatable and untreatable. Our personal trials and tribulations do seem remote to them.

"WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET HIM TO JESUS, MEN. WHATEVER IT TAKES."



Now is not the time to turn inward, even with all the threats we are facing as a country and as Christians. We need to stay focused on the most important thing, and that's a lost world in need of Jesus. For Christians, that should be one of the most important focal messages of our post-9/11 world.

The events of 9/11 may have changed many things,

but it did not change the fact that there is only one true God and only one true Son of God — Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior — and that He sacrificed Himself through His Son so that we could be reconciled to Him.

May we daily dedicate ourselves to the purpose of taking that simple message to a lost world hungry for the truth.

MBHC announces anniversary workshop

CLINTON, Miss. (Special) — The Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission (MBHC) notes that a total of 53 churches and one association will celebrate significant anniversaries in 2007, representing 6,475 years of service in Kingdom work. The

MBHC assists churches in celebrating special anniversaries, and has scheduled a one-day workshop on February 17 for that purpose.

Churches that are celebrating significant anniversaries in 2007 and 2008 are advised to attend the February 17 work-

shop, due to the fact that the next workshop will not be held until 2009.

For more information or to report a church not on the following list, contact MBHC at P.O. Box 4024, Clinton, MS 39058. Telephone: (601) 925-3434. E-mail: mbhc@mc.edu.

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Peeler Memorial (Attala)
Shuqualak (Noxubee)
Taylor (Lafayette)

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Tate Street (Alcorn)
Thompson (Mississippi)
Vardaman (Kemper)
Willow Grove (Cov./Jeff Davis)

9/11 witness: God still at work in world

NEW YORK (BP) — The horrible morning he watched the World Trade Center collapse less than two blocks from his high school remains etched on Freeman Field's mind.

Then a senior at Stuyvesant High School in New York, Field heard two airplanes slam into the Twin Towers and felt the collapse of the first tower. After a period of chaos and confusion, Field and his classmates evacuated their school.

He'll never forget what happened as they fled.

"There was a moment after we evacuated the school while the second building was collapsing," he recounted to Baptist Press. "The second building collapsed, and we just saw that huge cloud of smoke coming toward us. We... just started running. Seeing people's faces and my own adrenaline pumping was the thing I pull away from that the most. It was just one of those crazy, crazy things I'll never forget."

In the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attack, Field did everything he could to help others cope with the tragedy, including bringing 14 friends from his high school football team to his family's apartment because they could not travel to their own homes, along with volunteering to feed rescue workers at Ground Zero.

On the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11, Field, now age 22, said God has used the terrorist attacks to strengthen his faith in ways he could never have imagined five years ago.

"Seeing a horrible, horrible tragedy, I saw that God can use it and do awesome things through it," he said. "The World Trade Center tragedy

changed my life so much. It even changed my faith."

Witnessing the destruction of so many lives and material possessions made Field realize that he could no longer put temporal concerns ahead of his concern for the eternal purposes of God.

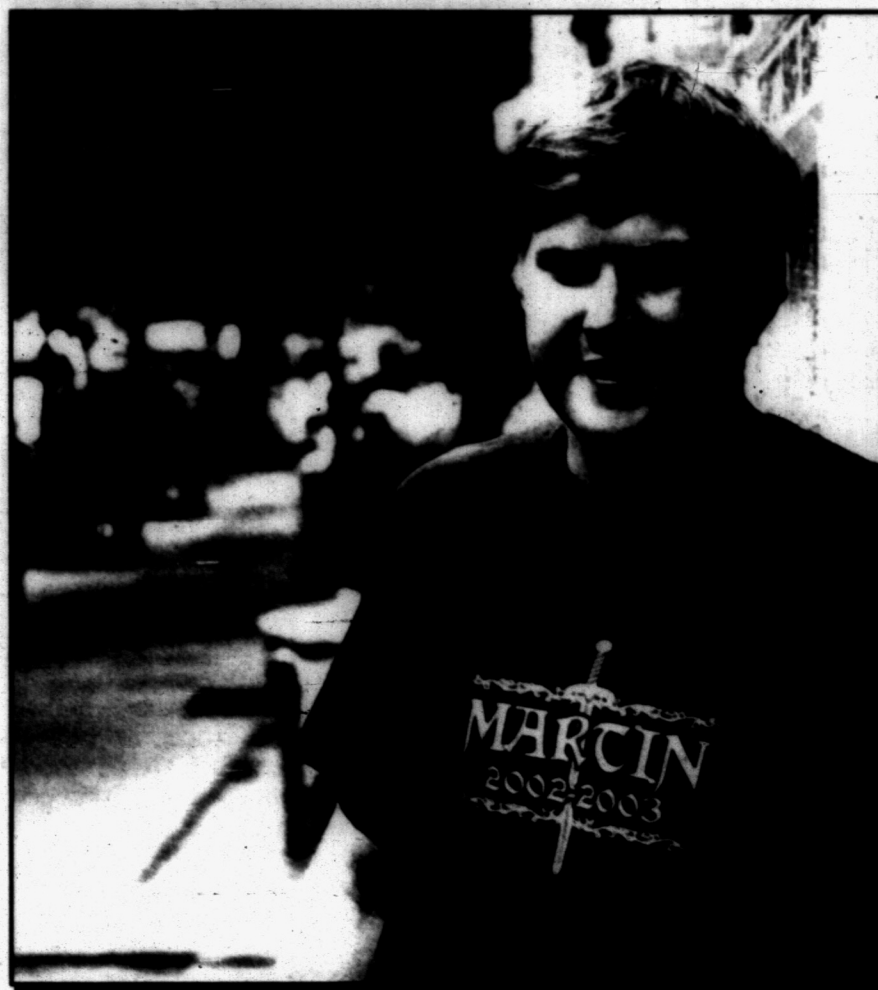
"Being so close and seeing it all happen just really put things in perspective," he said. "I saw all these things I'd been putting before God. I was putting my schoolwork, football and my friends [before God]. It just made me see how small all those things are compared to God."

Field's change in perspective started within a month of the tragedy when he noticed friends asking spiritual questions, prompting a resolve to let his life be a testimony to the difference Jesus can make. Gradually God opened doors for Field to share his testimony at churches and youth conferences, telling other students about his resolve to follow Christ.

The summer after he graduated from high school, God opened another door for Field when he was selected to participate in TruthQuest, a joint project involving Baptist Press, FamilyNet Television and the B&H Publishing arm of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In TruthQuest, Field and 11 other teens participated in missions projects in California for 10 days and had their adventures chronicled in a 13-episode series on FamilyNet.

The opportunity to participate in TruthQuest stemmed from an interview Field did with Baptist Press after the terrorist attack. Field looks back at the opportunity as providential and says Truth Quest matured his faith.



Field

"That mission opportunity really affected me in my faith," he said. "...Just being around other Christian teens and other Christian peers shaped my faith because I never had that before. It changed the person I was going into college just because of that month with those people."

Field's father Taylor, pastor and director of East Seventh Baptist Church — Graffiti in New York, agreed with his son's assessment that God brought good out of evil through TruthQuest.

"I think [TruthQuest] really deepened his walk with Christ," Taylor Field said, "and that wouldn't have happened if the person who was doing [the telecast] hadn't met him through 9/11, so I saw a process where God used it for good for him."

After TruthQuest, Field attended college at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he graduated in May with a degree in economics and marketing. Throughout college he continued to share his testimony and worked each summer at Camp Ozark, a Christian sports camp in Arkansas.

In the weeks to come, the younger Field will search for a job. He says he's willing to go anywhere in the nation — though he would prefer to work in Texas — and trusts that the same God who grew his faith through 9/11 can guide his path in the future.

"It was a horrible, horrible, horrible thing," Field said of 9/11, "but God can take those worst things and do amazing things out of them and change lives out of them."

Movie depicts Christian

Moviegoers who have seen Oliver Stone's World Trade Center, a depiction of some of the events that took place during the attacks of Sept. 11, know Marine Staff Sgt. David Karnes as one of the characters who helped rescue two survivors. Rebecca Liss, an associate producer at CBS' 60 Minutes in 2002 wrote about Karnes in a slate.com piece titled, An Unlikely Hero. "Karnes hadn't been near the World Trade Center. He wasn't even in New York when the planes hit the towers. He was in Wilton, Conn., working in his job as a senior accountant with Deloitte Touche," Liss wrote. "When the second plane hit, Karnes told his colleagues, 'We're at war.' He had spent 23 years in the Marine Corps infantry and felt it was his duty to help. Karnes told his boss he might not see him for a while." Karnes promptly got a military-style haircut, put on a Marine Corps uniform, gathered some equipment and drove to church, where he asked the pastor to pray that God would lead him to survivors. When he arrived at Ground Zero, rescue workers were being ordered to get off the piles of burning rubble because their own safety was at risk, but Karnes managed to sneak past and enter one of the mounds. He met up with another Marine he didn't know, Sgt. Jason Thomas, who had also volunteered for search and rescue. "United States Marines," Karnes yelled. "If you can hear us, yell or tap!" After about an hour, Liss recounted, the pair discovered two Port Authority police officers who were trapped. Karnes called for help, and nine hours later both officers had been rescued. They were among only 12 survivors pulled from the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Looking back

First Church, Gulfport, will cap a four-month commemoration of the church's 100 years of ministry on the Gulf Coast with a centennial week celebration. All surviving former pastors will be present during the week.

Northwest Association in Hernando and Broadmoor Church, Jackson, send volunteers to help erect Rimrock Church in Billings, Mont. Members of that small, pioneer church have studied construction and will try to build the church entirely on their own.

The federal Civilian Production Administration approves an application from the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage to begin construction on a \$50,000 dairy barn, hog barn, and bull paddock. The pay-as-you-go project has been fully funded by Mississippi Baptists.



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2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

A GRANDPARENT'S WISHES

In a few weeks some folks will observe National Grandparents Day. September 10 is the day just in case you are interested. I am not promoting Grandparents Day. I am just acknowledging it. What I would promote is a positive, Christ-honoring, and exemplary lifestyle by grandmothers and granddaddies so that they might leave behind the truth of God demonstrated in unforgettable images of life itself.

Grandchildren are special people. Their hugs and achievements, their challenges and cries, will bless a grandparent's heart. Someone has said that your grandchildren are the rewards you receive for not killing your children. That statement can be both playful and painful. As we approach Grandparents Day, it seems to me that it ought to be more about the grandkids than the grandparents. The only reason I say that is because grandparents ought to be more mature than the family around them and less self-absorbed, self-centered, self-seeking, and maybe they have grown to the point where they can understand that it truly is what you give in life that makes a difference rather than what you get out of life. While that ought to be true, it is not always the case in many people's lives.

I have met some folks at the grandparent stage of life who, honest to goodness, are a few steps behind their grandchildren in maturity. The problem did not begin when they became grandparents, but they have just continued the way they have always lived. They are the centerpiece of the universe. I have some wishes for my grandchildren that I would like to toss out for your consideration.

My first wish is that I could be half as grand as a granddad as they are a grandkid. I don't know about the parent part, but when it comes to the kids there is a reason why they are called "grand." I am fully aware of the fact that I cannot be as grand to them as they are to me. They are smarter, faster, kinder, funnier, stronger, more caring, more disciplined, more involved, more successful, and in many ways sharper than I ever was. They ought to be



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
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because each one of them has a super mom and dad. Their parents are on the scene everyday in helpful ways making sure that they do the right thing, have the right opportunities, and experience life in the Lord in the fullest way possible. My part has generally been to stand to the side, make sure the camera and the film are there, to love, care, and give an encouraging word where it is needed, and to keep my mouth shut when my words are not needed. They are good at being grand. In fact, they are so good that my efforts are focused on being half as grand.

My second wish for my grandkids is focused on when I am gone. I know that there are wonderful people, and some are dear friends of mine, who have had the heartbreaking experience of losing a grandchild. I have walked down that sad and lonely road with friends and family and my heart literally breaks just at the memory of some of those experiences. Somehow it doesn't seem right, and for sure it is not the normal pattern of most of life. In time when I am gone, what is it that I want my grandchildren to remember?

I would hope that somehow, somewhere, back in the recesses of their heads and hearts the grandkids would recall things about me that transcend gifts and stuff. I knew all four of my grandparents. They were hard-working, well-respected, middle-income folks who invested most of their life in raising large families. I don't suppose I was in anybody's will and apart from just a few little whatnots, all I have is a few pictures and many, many memories. I don't ever remember getting a Christmas present from any of them. I never remember any of my grandparents giving me any money. I don't recall a birthday card or any of those

things that seem to be so important these days to be sure that the grandkids get good stuff and have a good time, but it is not as if they did not give me anything, for they did.

I remember the sweet spirit that each one of them seemed to have. I remember sitting on the porch as my granddaddy whittled and talked to a little boy. I remember watching my grandmother make the most delicious biscuits as she cut them out with an old cookie cutter, and hoping that one day I would be old enough to do that with her. I remember going out behind the house to what we thought was an old barn, but now I realize it was just kind of a chicken coop that was a part of the garage. My granddad would let me feed and water the chickens and do some of the work. Later I realized that he could have done it in half the time that it took him to let me do it. Had he done it on his own, however, I would have no memories.

I remember going to church with my grandparents. I don't remember who the preacher was or what he said, but I so clearly remember times of sitting in God's house with my grandparents. I remember my

grandmother sewing. It seemed like if she was not cooking, she was sewing. One of the very few things that I still have that belonged to her is her old, foot-pedal Singer sewing machine. I guess she spent more time there than anywhere, but it never appeared to be work. I never remember us interfering with what she was doing.

I had grand grandparents and now I have grand grandkids. I hope that something I do, something I say or don't say, some way I celebrate their achievements, or laugh at my mess-ups, will stay with them in the inerasable parts of their brains.

The third and final wish that I have for my grandkids is that they will know the joy of serving the Lord equal to or greater than what I have known. I want my grandkids to know that I love Jesus and that I discovered the greatest delight was day by day getting up and traveling the journey of life hand in hand with Him. I love the Lord, I love His people, and I have enjoyed the wonderful privilege of serving Him all of these years.

God has a wonderful plan for each one of their lives. They are special and wonderful creations of His love. Only He can reveal that plan and purpose to them. I pray that every one of them will discover the exciting truth that life lived for the Lord is life at its best. It is true what the song says, that God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

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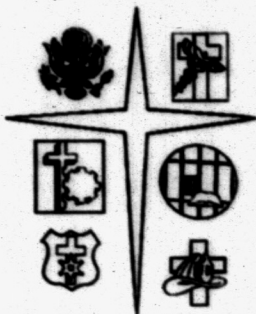
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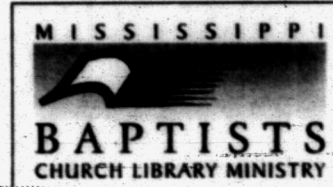
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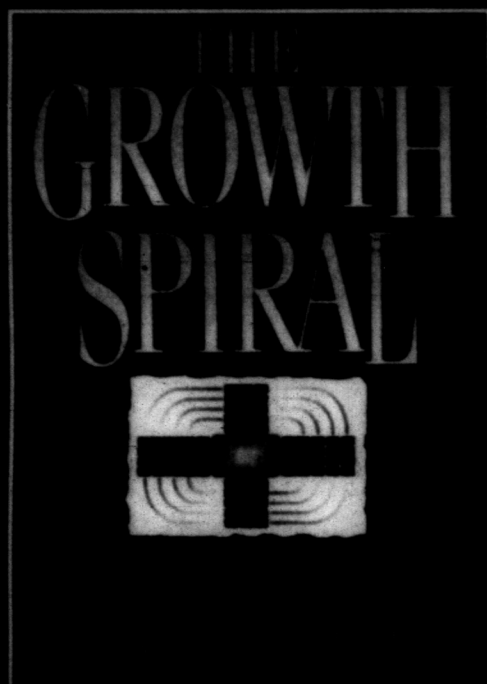
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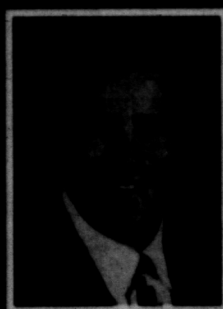
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For: (1) Bible Drill Clinic, FBC, Meridian, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (D&FM); (2) Most Inga of Colombia are very religious people, but very few understand what it means to be born of the Spirit. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help the Inga people to understand what it means to be born of the Spirit.

For: (1) Bible Drill Clinic, FBC, Senatobia, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (D&FM); (2) International Service Corps workers, Jeff and Judy Hughes, ask for prayer as they continue working on two university campuses in Lima. Pray that many students and teachers will continue to come to the off-campus Bible Studies.

Rural Brazilians are a vast and often neglected group who live in Central and Southeast Brazil in cities of less than 100,000 people. More than 800 communities are in the state of Minas Gerais alone, where more than 400 have no Baptist work. Please pray for the evangelization of the rural Brazilians.

Please pray for D and K and their new English classes on Tuesday and Friday evenings with 15 Turkish students. Pray for good relationships with the students as a bridge for the gospel. Pray also for good relationships and follow up to the special ESL classes in Bulgaria taught last month by a couple from Texas.

Two of the Costa Rica Team's missionary kids (MKs) have graduated from high school and returned to the USA to begin a new phase of their life. Pray for them and many other MKs in similar situations to feel God's presence, experience His guidance, and have the faith and dedication necessary to remain true to their Savior.

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For: (1) Anti-Gambling Sunday (CAC Emphasis); (2) Continue to pray for the country of Rwanda. Most Rwandans are religious and know all about God. Various agencies, the U.S. government, the United Nations and other organizations are attempting to assist Rwanda to put the past behind and live in peace.

For: (1) Bible Drill Clinic, Parkway BC, Clinton, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (D&FM); (2) January Bible Study, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, 9 a.m. - noon (SS); (3) Church Compliance & Financial Issues, New Site BC, Brookhaven 6 - 8:30 p.m. (FS).

For: (1) Bible Drill Clinic, FBC, Lyman, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (D&FM); (2) January Bible Study, Mississippi College, Clinton, 9 a.m. - noon (SS); (3) Church Compliance & Financial Issues, 38th Avenue BC, Hattiesburg, 6 - 8:30 p.m. (FS).

For: (1) See You at the Pole (Youth); (2) Mrs. K, a Christian deaf lady, received Jesus as Savior when she was 45, and for the last 5 years, she has lived the message of the gospel before local deaf women. Three have accepted Christ during the past year and meet together to pray for friends who do not know Jesus.

For: (1) January Bible Study, William Carey College (SS); (2) Church workers in India can be very competitive with one another. Give thanks for one pastor serving in Bihar who preaches the Word without compromising or diluting God's message. Pray that the Lord will bless this pastor's ministry with fruit that lasts.

For: (1) Chaplains Association Training, Jackson (Evan); (2) Missionary Parent Fellowship, Camp Garaywa, 15th - 16th (WMU); (3) There are thousands of Algerian Arabs living in France. Pray for God to encourage the believers among them and make them bold witnesses to those who continue to follow Islam.

For: (1) Mississippi Missionary Fellowship, Camp Garaywa (WMU); (2) Aaron Tanap, Canton, Mich., is the pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Praise God for the Christians added to the church membership this year. Pray for their follow-up and for them to grow in their Christian walk.



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REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

Clifton Church, Scott Association: Homecoming, Sept. 17; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m., followed by fellowship meal; Martis Jenkins, speaker; Tony Henry, pastor.

Edwards Church, Edwards: Revival, Sept. 24-27; Sun., noon and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 6 p.m.; Justin Peters, speaker; Joey Wolfe, music; John G. McCall, pastor.

First Galilee Church, Gloster: Revival, Sept. 10-13; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon and 7 p.m.; Gene Douglas, speaker; Odus Jackson, music.

First Church, Pecan Grove, Ellisville: Homecoming, Sept. 24; worship, 10 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Greg Ulland, speaker; Michael McKnight & Stubborn Love, music.

Liberty Church, Newton County: Revival, Sept. 15-17; Fri.-Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Kenny Lang, speaker; Gary Thorne, worship leader; Joey Lang, pastor.

Lucien Church, Brookhaven: Revival, Sept. 17-20; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Bendon

Ginn, speaker; Mike Britt, music; Owen King, pastor.

Macedonia Church, Lee County: Revival, Sept. 24-27; 7 p.m. nightly; Clint Harris, Florence, Ala., speaker; Billy Little, music; John Shackleford, pastor.

Mantee Church, Mantee: Centennial Celebration, Sept. 16-17; Sat., cookout and fellowship, 5 p.m.; worship, Sun., 10:30 a.m., followed by covered dish meal, fellowship, and time of remembrance. Terry William, speaker; Tim Bland, music.

New Providence Church, Carthage: Homecoming, Sept. 17; registration, 9 a.m.; program, 10 a.m.; potluck lunch, noon. Bob Gross, Dothan, Ala., speaker; Smith Sanders, pastor.

Sylvarena Church, Sylvarena: Homecoming, Sept. 17; worship, 11 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds; Greg Warnock, speaker; Todd McDaniels, music; Stuart Givens, pastor.

Unity Church, Leakesville: Homecoming, Sept. 10; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Randy Pierce, pastor.

JUST FOR THE RECORD

1. **Salem Church, Marydell,** will host Jeffery Jones and the Celebration Choir of Leesburg Church in a Gaither-style concert Sept. 9, 6 p.m. The church will also host a fall Bible study Sept. 10-15 with Randall Creel, speaker. Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.

2. **Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula,** lost its entire library during Hurricane Katrina. The library reopened June 18 after the donation of over 10,000 books, CDs, videos, and DVDs, plus furnishings. The library has since hosted its 8th Annual Summer Reading Program, with 23 readers participating for six weeks, with over 800 books read. Ninette Speights, library director; John Turner, pastor.

3. Christian band **SONICFLOOD** will make three stops in Mississippi during their This Generation tour. They will play at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Oct. 11;



3. SONICFLOOD playing in Istanbul, Turkey

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JUST FOR THE RECORD

4. Deacon Ordinations, Hurricane Creek Church, Sandy Hook

4. Hurricane Creek Church, Sandy Hook, recently ordained Michael Ervin, Garath Fortenberry, and Raymond Rowell as deacons. Shown are Ervin, Fortenberry, Rowell, and pastor Curtis Roland.

5. Fellowship Church, Hernando, recently ordained Jim Wright and Hugh Provine as deacons. Shown are Wright, pastor James Spencer, and Provine.

6. Valley Hill Church, Greenwood, recently ordained Roy Bush to the ministry.



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5. Deacon Ordinations, Fellowship Church, Hernando

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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

The Thrill of Victory

Joshua 4:1-3, 8, 10-11, 17-24

By Arthur Story

Over the years, my family and I have collected a number of items that we cherish not because of their monetary value but because of their historic value to us. We have photos, trophies, mementos, and other items that help us recall past events. One of my personal favorites is an industrial grade piece of metal that weighs about 10 pounds, is 12 inches wide, 30 inches tall, and a fourth of an inch thick. It is a constant reminder to us of God's faithfulness.

Almost eight years ago this piece of metal flew off the back of a tractor tire and went through the passenger side portion of our van's front grill. I'll never forget the sounds it made skipping on the highway, the sparks it generated that night as it came toward the van, the shudder from its impact, or my thankfulness that God had protected my oldest son, Sean, and me. Had that piece of metal bounced a little higher it would have gone through the windshield and most likely killed us both. Now it sits by my desk as



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a reminder of God's faithfulness. On numerous occasions we have looked at that bent piece of metal, recalled the events of that evening, and discussed God's faithfulness.

In Joshua 4 we see the importance of remembering past events, acknowledging God's work in them, and motivating others to see God's work in their spiritual victories.

In verses 1-3 and in verse 8 we see the importance of marking the victories God provides in our lives. Forty years prior there was nothing for the people of God to celebrate. There was no reason to set up a memorial. They had followed God to edge of the Promised Land and chosen not to trust Him. Now they had seen Him miraculously

open the way for them to enter into the land by stopping the flow of the Jordan River so they could pass over on dry ground. God's people had obeyed Him and seen Him act on their behalf. Their entry into the land was the work of God that came as a result of their obedience to Him. It was a victory for His people. It was a victory worth remembering and communicating to future generations. Immediately after the crossing of the Jordan was the right time to make arrangements to acknowledge God's work. As a result twelve men were instructed to remove the stones from the river that would later be used to build a memorial to commemorate what God had done that day.

In verses 10-11 and verses 17-18 we see the importance of recognizing God's work in the victories He brings. The

Israelites could not claim credit for their crossing of the Jordan River. All they had done was obey God's instructions. Joshua obeyed God by communicating to the people what God wanted them to do and the people followed the instructions. God issued a plan that was totally dependent on His intervention. The Israelites couldn't have stopped the water simply by walking into the Jordan. God had to intervene. From a human standpoint the plan didn't make sense but the Israelites followed it because they had the right attitude. They were focused on obeying God so they weren't going to argue with His plan and as a result they experienced an incredible victory.

Story is Minister of Education, First Church, Louisville.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Have Faith

Hebrews 2:5-18

By Cyndi Grace

*Life now is sweet
And my joy is complete,
For I'm saved! Saved! Saved!*

I remember singing those words at the top of my voice as a child at the First Baptist Church of Atwater, California. The pianist would improvise runs that were spell-binding to this budding piano player. I sang with gusto without understanding a bit of what I was singing! Saved? From what? This is an important lesson for us because many have the misconception that being saved is about getting something for ourselves; if we are depressed, Jesus will lift us up; if we are hurting, Jesus will heal our hurts! While this is true, those are the benefits of salvation—not salvation itself. The general pub-

lic doesn't understand the concept of salvation and sadly, neither do some within the church. To offset these misconceptions perhaps we should follow Paul's lead as he spoke to those in Athens. He began his discussion with the Athenians at creation because they needed to know who God was before they could understand the death and resurrection of Christ. (Acts 17:16-30) Perhaps we should begin there, as well!

After God created man, Genesis states, "God saw all that He had made and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31) Not just good but very good! This first relationship between God and man was one of walking in the garden together...sharing all things...perfection and yet Eve seemed to want more. She believed Satan and as a result, sin



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...total separation from God for eternity ... entered this perfect world. The God/Man relationship was severed and man could no longer walk with God as he had before. God wanted this relationship back and had a plan to bridge the separation by coming to us through the body of Jesus Christ! Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection was to repair the God/Man relationship. We have cheapened His sacrifice by believing it was so we could be happy! Salvation is about God's love providing a way for reconciliation while maintaining the balance between justice and mercy.

So, in our Hebrews' passage we see God's intention ... "What is man, that You remember him?" We are His beloved creation, made from His image and He desires to restore the relationship. His plan was to identify with humanity ... He became like us in every way (except by sinning) through Jesus Christ.

Finally, He would destroy the one holding the power of death (the devil) and free us from slavery and the fear of death (Vs 14-15) by becoming our intervention; the one who came between us and our destroyer because we were helpless to help ourselves. Through Christ's resurrection, death was destroyed and Satan became powerless to those who had accepted the blood sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus. This is salvation — God's love fleshed out. Dear one, this salvation is not about our personal needs; it is about becoming one with our Creator again and is available to all. (If you want to know more about becoming a Christian, page 2 of the periodical includes a simple plan of salvation.) This is the "Saved! Saved!" we sing about and it does bring sweetness and joy to life but not a final and complete joy! Let me explain.

The older I get the more I think about heaven. As a child I thought heaven was a place of harp-playing angels and I looked forward to getting my wings!

When the stresses of life hit me full on, I thought heaven was a place of peace and I could finally rest from all the things of this earth. After the loss of my parents, heaven was a place of "no more tears" and I would see my loved ones again. Now, there is a great longing in my heart that is insatiable; at times it brings me to tears. Jesus came, suffered, and died to restore that first garden existence and I find myself longing for heaven because that is when I will finally see the face of Him who loved me so completely. Oh, I do long for His face. Do you? We seek Him now only to see glimpses ... hints of His glory!

1 Corinthians 13:12 says:

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. KJV

That, by faith, is being saved and truly that is when my joy will be complete!

Grace is a women's conference speaker and women's ministry director at Highland Church, Vicksburg.

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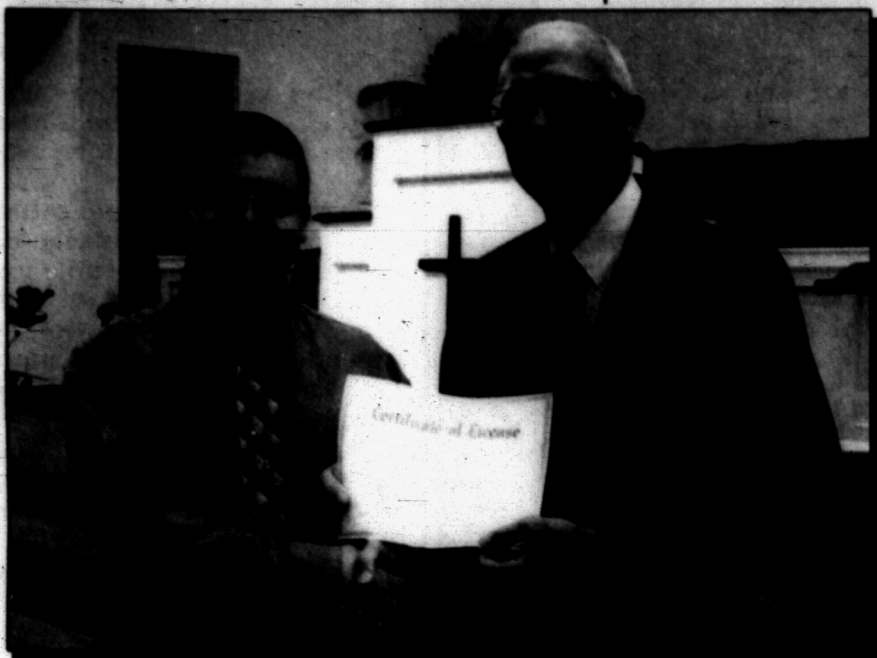
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7. Glade Church, Laurel, ordained Cory Cotton to the gospel ministry Aug. 13.

8. Parkway Church, Houston, ordained Michael Akins as deacon July 9. Shown are son Jeremy, pastor Randy Rinehart, Akins, wife Melinda, and son Cory.

9. Bethel Church, Monticello, ordained Mike Davis and Ronnie Carney as deacons Aug. 27. Shown are associate pastor Tim Morrison, Davis, and Carney.

10. The 2nd and 3rd grade Bible Buddies of Corinth Church, Magee, did a demonstration Bible drill Aug. 13. Shown, from left, are Caleb Ross, Sam McWilliams, Ashlynn Walker, Sara Varner, Carley May, Natalie Counts, Hannah Bynum, and John Dupre.

11. First Church, West Point, is partnered with the 411NYC Church in New York City. The mission team shown was in New York July 19-24 where they participated in prayer walks, helped paint a school, gave away packs of gum with an invitation to the 411 worship service, and delivered care packages to NYC policemen and firefighters. Dale Funderburg, pastor; Chuck Brister, minister of students.

12. The girls of Grace Memorial Church's Creative Ministry team, Gulfport, are shown ministering at Woodland Village Nursing Home, Diamond Head. The group led by singing to various Christian songs. They also lead in worship at the church monthly and have also ministered at the Harrison County Adult Detention Center.

13. First Church, Kosciusko, ordained John Shaw, Robert Pickle, Jr., and Ray Burrell as deacons Aug. 20. Shown are Shaw, Pickle, Burrell, and pastor Barry Corbett.

14. On September 3, Union Church, Raleigh, presented a plaque to Billie Bryant in loving appreciation for over 50 years of service as clerk and treasurer. Shown are Bryant and pastor David Hays.



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